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My opinion on this Capx 2020 project is that it is not needed. Electric power demand is going down and with all the effort that is being put forth on energy savings, the demand will either be stagnant or decline further. Once this line is complete the cost will be put on the backs of the rate payers. I am seriously looking into setting up some solar or wind generation on a small scale because right now my electric bill is out of this world!!

The home heating businesses in our area are getting into geo-thermal - solar - and wind for sources of energy. Our electric generating system that we have now is too big and we need to decent-

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alize our system. If this powerline gets built that will give me an added incentive to get off the grid entirely. The technology is there to do it.

Sincerely,

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Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

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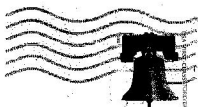
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